

Millcreek Community UM Church  
4570 Lockwood Boulevard  
Youngstown, Ohio 44511-3799

# The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here"

May 2023

**HAPPY**  
  
**Mother's**  
**DAY**

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**Millcreek Community UMC**

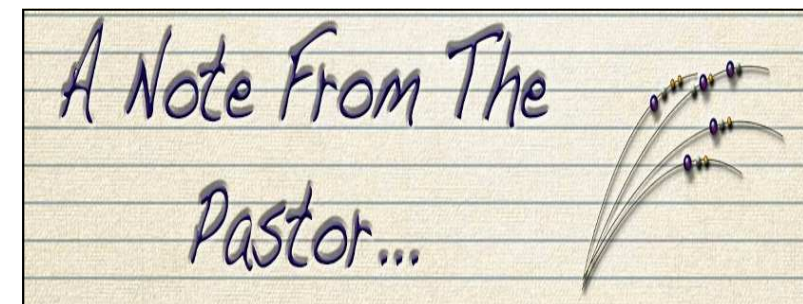
OFFICE HOURS

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When we study the gospel accounts of the many miracles that Jesus performed in his ministry, we find that many of them also involved a dispute with the Pharisees and other religious leaders of the day. In turn, if we study the disputes that took place, we also find that many of them centered on the traditions of the Sabbath. With all of their various interpretations of the Law, the Pharisees took the Sabbath, which God meant to be a blessing to man, and turned it into a burden.

One Sabbath day, Jesus went into the synagogue to teach, and a man was there whose hand was shriveled. The Pharisees and the teachers of the law were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath. But Jesus knew what they were thinking and said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Get up and stand in front of everyone." So he got up and stood there. Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?" He looked around at them all, and then said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was completely restored. The man was happy, but the Pharisees were furious!

Are we to conclude that Jesus was teaching it is OK to break the Sabbath? The obvious answer is no, and to understand why, we will need to look at what Scripture says about the topic. The command to keep the Sabbath was first recorded in Exodus 20. "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy....for in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but He rested on the seventh day." God created the world in 6 days and rested on the seventh- not because God was tired but because He knew that people like you and I would need a day apart from work, a special day to worship with other believers and take rest from our labors.

Jesus made it a priority to be in worship on the Sabbath, and so should we. Our week is not the same without it. Some of us have to work on Sunday, and God honors that need to provide for our families. However, another time set apart for God is necessary for our spiritual and physical health. Holy means to set apart or set aside, and whether our Sabbath is Sunday or another day of the week, when we set time aside to honor Jesus and spend time with Him, healing of many different kinds will come. Remember the Sabbath! God created it for good reason, so let us do our best to keep it holy!  
Pastor Greg



Announcements

**SUNDAY**

**9am Holy Grounds Café  
10:30am Worship**



**WEDNESDAY**

**11am Pastor's  
Bible Study**

**THURSDAY EVENINGS**

**Music Team Practice - @ 6:30pm**

**LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING**

**Tuesday May 9th @ 5:30pm**



Prayer Chain

**Call any prayer requests to  
Barb Childs (330-360-6796) or  
Mary Lois Floyd (330-782-7683)**



**Homebound  
MINISTRY**

**Join us for *live* worship  
at 10:30am on our website  
[www.millcreek.church](http://www.millcreek.church)**

**.Pastor Calko is available for visits. He can be reached at  
[pastorgreg@millcreek.church](mailto:pastorgreg@millcreek.church) or by phone at 330-782-0573.**

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**Millcreek Community UMC Leadership Team Meeting**

**April 19, 2023 @ 5:30pm**

Present: Pastor Greg, Barb Beach, Bill Stilson, Barb Childs, Hope Sabanick, Susie Justice, Diane Redfern and Barb Hubler. Pastor opened with devotions from It's Not About Me – reminded us that we are heaven's advertising agency. Verse from John. Minutes were approved from last meeting. No old business.

**Treasurer/Finance:**

- Giving \$5,000+ Missions \$964
- Distribution of \$44,000 received from investment fund.
- Audit has been completed with no concerns or issues

**Administrative:**

- Disaffiliation process to include dissolving old corporation and forming new one – will need to use a lawyer.
- Valley Title may be able to take care of real estate transfers to new entity
- All disaffiliation expenses to be funded from endowment fund-congregational vote to approve will be during worship on Sunday April 30
- Mission Checking Account – will need to open new account after disaffiliation. Future sponsorship of Northside food shelf to be discussed after disaffiliation in consultation with other pastor(s) involved.

**SPR:**

- Custodian evaluation was completed. All in agreement to increase compensation by \$1 per hour for 6 months and then re-evaluate.
- SPR Team to meet w/Sally on Wed, 4/26 at 12:30.

**Building & Grounds:**

- New sump pump battery needed. Pastor and Bill to replace
- May outdoor workday May 6 at 9:00am or May 13 if rain
- New camera system installed with new monitors in church office and pastors office

**Missions:**

- Community dinner May 20: Glazed Ham Loaf, potatoes, vegetable, roll, dessert
- Pastor will present report on Banes Cuba church in worship on Sunday, April 23
- May Missions:
  - PFS – personal items, Aldi's cereal and jelly
  - Mother's Day cupcakes
  - Father's Day cupcakes
  - Banes, Cuba Church

Meeting closed with prayer. Next Leadership Meeting May 9, 2023 at 5:30pm.



# PRAYER REQUESTS

Bert Pharis  
Cheri Blackann  
Harriet Case  
Jim Lottier  
Kenny Charity & Family

Marge Whitacre  
Marilynn Makar  
P. Mae White  
Quincy Penn  
Richard Bland  
Sidney Wylie  
Mark Boston  
Eleanor Harris

## Remember Our Shut-ins

### Gloria Finkley

### Margaret Whitacre

**Barb Zautner**  
Morningside House of Ellicott City  
5330 Dorsey Hall Drive, Rm 312  
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

Briarfield Manor  
461 S. Canfield-Niles Rd., Rm 301  
Austintown, OH 44515  
(330) 270-3468

### Shirley Stauffer

Humility House  
755 Ohltown Rd, Rm 20B  
Austintown, OH 44515

### Marilynn Makar

Park Vista  
1216 5th Avenue, Rm 260B  
Youngstown, OH 44504



## May Birthdays

4th - Elijah Ehret

11th - Benny Ferone

21st – Krishawn Shaw

31st - Cindy Kramer

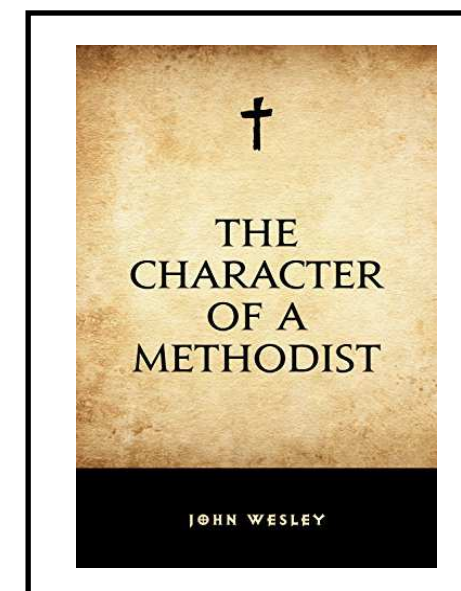


## The Message of a Methodist

When I read a portion of “The Character of a Methodist” I thought about members of my Church Family now and those of years ago. Times certainly have changed, but not my appreciation of being a Methodist, learning to love God and His Son Jesus Christ and trusting my life to His keeping. I look forward to worshipping on Sunday morning, listening to our Preacher, singing songs and praying for guidance thru the week ahead.

In this story of “The Character of a Methodist”, John Wesley attempts to describe what he means by a disciple of Christ perfected in love. It is a striking portrait of noble simplicity deeply rooted in Scripture and dominated by the image of growth in grace and love. Wesley displays a profound optimism in what God’s grace can accomplish in the life of any child desiring to walk with greater integrity in the way of the Gospel.

Those perfected in Christ who love God with all their heart, being, mind and strength, loving their neighbor as themselves. This is love, that Charles Wesley sings, sanctifies, and makes us whole, it forms the “Savior in the Soul”.



“The Character of a Methodist” published in 1742 - John Wesley

With a grateful heart, many thanks to my Church Family near and far for your support of our Church’s Missions. You are love in action.

Bless your hearts,

Susie J.

Mission Team Member

## Mission Moments

### April Missions of Millcreek Community

**MKC - Making Kids Count** - They received a check for \$350 toward their Diaper Drive.  
*Oh, how we like those clean bottoms!*

**Warren Family Mission** - A check for \$350 was sent to help with the Easter Meal provided for their community. *Yum! What a good dinner.*

**Rescue Mission of Mahoning Valley** - We donated a check in the amount of \$350 to provide an Easter Dinner for our local community. *Save me a place at the table!*

**The Baner Methodist Church in Cuba** received a check in the amount of \$500 toward their church building and to help feed the community around them.

### Missions in May

*"With small steps of Faith, we can make a world of difference"*

**Protestant Family Services** - I visited PFS a couple weeks ago and asked if our church could help them in a special way during the month of May. Happily they replied, May we please have personal items such as:

- Bath Soap
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Shampoo
- Laundry Detergent
- Bathroom Cleaners
- Dish Soap
- Bathroom Tissue

Food items requested:

- Jelly
- Millville Cereal from Aldi

**United Methodist Church in Baner, Cuba** - We will continue to help the Church in Baner Cuba as they have expressed help in feeding their neighbors.



## The Merry Month of May



May 20th 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Our **FREE** Community Drive-thru Dinner

*"Featuring"*

*Glazed Hamloaf*

*Scalloped Potatoes*

*Vegetables*

*Dinner Roll*

*Cherry Danish*

*In the Merry Month of May*

*Come One Come All!*

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*A Mission Team Celebration*

A Very Special "Thank You" to our Mother & Daughter Duo  
Barb & Kari Hubler for always keeping our candles burning.

Mother's Day

May 14th

This Sunday, give thanks for Moms,  
Grandmas, Sisters, and Aunts who

always give us love.

Let's Celebrate!

